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Irrigation.

Proposals for storing water by the ryots of Odagathur valley.

*1529 Q.—Mr. V. PANTULU AYYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer for Irrigation received any memorial from the ryots of Odagathur valley of Vellore taluk, North Arcot district, submitting to the consideration of Government certain proposals to effect storage of water for the benefit of some of the villages in the said taluk;

(*b*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take upon the memorial; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the same?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government await the report which has been called for from the Superintending Engineer.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*a*) may I know whether the mahazar has been sent to the Superintending Engineer?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member whether he remembers that a deputation also waited upon him recently about the same matter?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"I do, Sir. I had the honour of a visit from the hon. Member who has spoken."

Transport of grains by boats in Pamaniyar and Koraiyar.

*1530 Q.—Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why for the last three years or thereabouts the Public Works Department authorities have prevented transport of paddy and grains by boats by merchants and mirasidars in the Pamaniyar and Koraiyar in the Tanjore district, which have practically been the only means of transport practicable in and around Muttupet owing to want of proper road communication?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for a report from the Chief Engineer.

Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR:—"In view of the answer to the question, may I bring to the notice of the hon. the Law Member that I have information that the authorities refused to give permission and may I ask whether, after the receipt of the information, he will be pleased to issue orders that what was done three years ago ought not to be prohibited especially as it would be a great disadvantage?"

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"I do not think I have any information just now which will enable me to take such action as is proposed by the hon. Member from Tanjore. If he will meet me in the course of the day or to-morrow and explain matters to me, I shall take such action as I consider necessary."